



Information of interest about driver licenses and identification cards

A SAFER FLORIDA – SAFETY FIRST ONLINE - We invite everyone to click their way to a Safer Florida. All Floridians and visitors can do this by checking out the Department's newest feature on its Web site – Safety First at www.flhsmv.gov/SafetyTips/. The Department will continue to update the Web page to include information about the Emergency Contact Information system and other topics on driver-related safety. In addition to visiting the Safety First Web page, the Department encourages Floridians with a valid driver license or identification card to go online to www.flhsmv.gov and enter their Emergency Contact Information. This vital information gives law enforcement immediate access to this information in cases of an emergency, which makes it easier for them to contact a family member or friend.

NEW WEBSITE FOR TEENS LAUNCHED: The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles launched a Web site for teen driver safety. The new Web site was created by teens for teens and it challenges young drivers to take charge when they take the wheel. Vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death among U.S teens. Over 36,000 teen drivers (age 15-19) were involved in crashes in Florida last year, according to the site. You can visit the new teen Web site at www.TakeTheWheel.net.

CHILD SAFETY INITIATIVE: We are pleased to partner with American Express to promote the use of credit cards in our offices and to provide car seats to needy children. From October 31 to December 31, 2008, for each American Express transaction completed at Driver Licenses offices in Florida, American Express will donate 50 cents to the Florida Highway Patrol Advisory Council towards supplying car seats for children in need, up to \$10,000. MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit cards are now accepted at Driver Licenses offices in Florida.

DRIVER LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS - Fee Changes effective 10/1/2008:

Class E (original)	\$27.00	CDL (renewal)	\$67.00
Class E (renewal)	\$20.00	ID Card (original)	\$10.00
CDL (original)	\$67.00	Endorsements	\$ 7.00

SAVE TIME, GET AN APPOINTMENT! We urge all customers who must visit one of our offices to renew, replace or file a change of address to their driver license or identification card to secure an appointment prior to their visit. Connect via Internet at <http://www.flhsmv.gov/oasis> for an appointment to greatly reduce the length of the visit. Then link to the [on-line pre-application](#) and complete it before coming to one of our offices.

OUR OFFICE SCHEDULE: Driver license offices in Florida are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. New testing guidelines that continue to provide excellent customer service call for the start of the last oral examination and CDL test each day to be at 3:30 p.m. The last written examinations and driving tests each day start at 4:30 p.m. Check our website at www.flhsmv.gov/offices/ for the most up-to-date information on office locations and schedules.

REAL ID – FACTS TO KNOW: Florida will begin issuing Real ID driver licenses and identification cards no later than January 1, 2010. Your current Florida license or ID card will continue to be valid as identification for federal purposes until September 1, 2014 for individuals born after December 1, 1964 and December 1, 2017 for anyone else. For more information about Real ID, please visit <http://www.flhsmv.gov/realid/>.

Buckle up your seatbelt!